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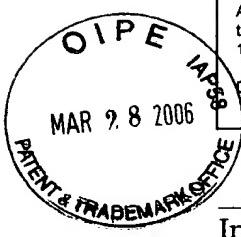
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated November 29, 2005, finally rejecting claims 1, 2 and 4, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.